

UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
November 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – PENDING BOARD
APPROVAL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Stephen Higgs	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member
Frank Park	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member
Jason Poulsen	Board Member
Attorney Kevin Bolander	Assistant Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brian Cottam	Board Member
Pete Hackford	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Monica Todd	Board Secretary
Mark Burton	State Fire Marshal Office
Oliver Moore	State Fire Marshal Office
Deanne Mousley	State Fire Marshal Office
Kim Passey	State Fire Marshal Office
Mike Riley	State Fire Marshal Office
Kelly Snow	State Fire Marshal Office
Bryan Thatcher	State Fire Marshal Office

PRESENT

Many members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting, recording and all other related paperwork.

Item #1 on the agenda, Board meeting called to order by Board Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

Item #2 on the agenda was approval of the September 8, 2015 Board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes as written by Board Member Higgs, seconded by Board Member Park, motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was report to the Board by Gary Hodson, Council Chair, Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Chief Deputy Black spoke instead as Mr. Hodson was not in attendance. He stated that the Council has successfully completed their audit of UFRA and are moving forward with a recommendation to pursue the Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification. They will also make a recommendation to the Certification Council that they should consider an English/Technical Writing class as a pre-requisite to some of the upper division classes at UFRA. There may be costs involved with making this a pre-requisite whether UFRA would develop a class to fulfill that requirement or the student would need to take the class from another school.

Item #4 on the agenda was report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Deputy Black spoke instead as Chief Spencer was not in attendance. He stated that this Council has members that serve a three year term and Hugh Connor of UFRA recommends the Council members which are then voted on and appointed by the Fire Prevention Board. He stated that the Council is running well at this time.

Item #5 on the agenda was report to the Board by Ryan Perkins, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Chief Deputy Black spoke instead as Mr. Perkins was not in attendance. He stated that Ogden is sponsoring a Traffic Incident Management class December 7, 10 and 15, and that Mr. Perkins would be reporting whether that class would be appropriate for all Hazardous Materials Responders. The HMIM course has been taught a second time and seems to have filled the need and no further requests have been made at this time.

Item #6 on the agenda was a report to the Board by Utah State Fire Marshal Coy Porter on the progress of appointing new members to the Fire Prevention Board. Marshal Porter addressed the Board and as a side note brought up the fact that in years past the English Department at UVU would review reports for grammar and then the Fire Service personnel at UFRA would review the reports from students for content but issues arose when there was a discrepancy between the two. He stated that it had been an issue for a long time and that students could definitely benefit from some training on technical writing. Marshal Porter then stated that as to the progress of appointing new members to the Fire Prevention Board; the names have been submitted to the Governor's office and he is still waiting for the Governor's appointments. He also received information from the Commissioner that at their latest Directors Cabinet meeting they were told to review the various Boards in their various divisions to see if the authority to appoint members to those Boards could be brought down to the Director level instead of the Governor. The recommendation of the State Fire Marshal's office would probably be to allow the Commissioner to appoint members to the Fire Prevention Board and the LP Gas Board. Board Member Poulsen asked if the Board Members yet to be appointed were to be from the counties of the 2nd and 3^{rd-6th} class. Marshal Porter affirmed that they were.

Item #7 on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by Coy Porter, Utah State Fire Marshal, concerning the UFRA 2016-2017 budget and business plans. More accurate numbers became available as the business plans were completed resulting in a savings of \$79,500.00 from what was originally was presented to the Board by UFRA. Marshal Porter stated that as the State Fire Marshal's Office and UFRA were taxed to put the budgetary numbers in a Business Plan, the

aforementioned savings was discovered and the more accurate numbers will be submitted in that Business Plan. They wanted to make sure that the Board was aware of this cost savings since they had voted on the amounts to approve.

Item #8 on the agenda was approval by the Board of the reappointment to the Certification Council, by Academy Director, Hugh Connor, of Paul Bedont, Rod Hammer, Scott Spencer, and Merlin Spendlove. Chief Deputy Black addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. Connor. He stated that the recommendations are made by UFRA director and then appointments are made by the Fire Prevention Board. Motion made to approve these reappointments by Board Member Humphreys, seconded by Board Member Phillips, motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by Ted Black, Chief Deputy Utah State Fire Marshal, Concerning a new certification being pursued by UFRA. At the recommendation of Standards and Training and the Certification Council UFRA is pursuing offering a new certification: Fire and Life Safety Educator. Chief Deputy Black stated that this was a certification that UFRA had at one time but interest was lagging so the class was dropped. Recently the ISO, the agency that rates Fire Departments which subsequently can impact property insurance rates, has begun to give points for people that have this certification. Also schools like to have Fire Service members that can teach fire safety to children. Right now UFRA is working on the Standards and then will work on a curriculum. Board Chair Newberg asked if this would then have both Fire and Public ramifications. Chief Deputy Black stated that it was primarily to teach Fire Prevention to the public and children specifically.

Items #10 on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by a "Verizon Wireless Network Representative". Verizon will be requesting a variance from the required fire extinguishers in equipment buildings adjacent to remote cell tower sites as technicians have portable extinguishers in their vehicles when working/servicing the sites and the buildings are only occupied by technicians. They want to do away with the extinguishers inside the structures for economic reasons. State Fire Marshal Porter addressed the Board as there was no representative from Verizon in attendance. He summarized the above statement and stated that perhaps a variance would not be needed, they needed clarification as to whether this was actually a code requirement in a small unoccupied building. Board Chair Newberg opened the topic up to the Board for discussion and stated that there certainly was a financial impact in this matter. Chief Deputy Black stated if the technician's truck was parked within 75 feet of the building, it would meet the intent of the code. Board Chair Newberg thought that the technician might not wish to go back to the building if it was burning to suppress the fire with extinguisher from their truck. Board Member Larson stated that in working with transferring of buildings from owner to owner, that one owner might have service trucks with extinguishers and the other might not. Thus he feels it is important that this issue be clarified before any action may be taken. Board Member Higgs asked if Verizon had approached any of the local jurisdictions with this issue. Marshal Porter said he was unaware but that they could also poll the other companies that have these remote buildings and see if they also have the same situation. Board Member Higgs recommends that they have the Fire Marshal's Association discuss this issue as well.

Item #11 on the agenda was Old Business. There was no Old Business.

Item #12 on the agenda was New Business: Board Member Phillips would like to add an agenda

item for the next Board Meeting regarding townhouses that are being built that do not have sprinklers installed and they are then allowing 8+ college students live in these townhouses. Part of that issue is how to define a “family” as far as the occupancy of these dwellings go. Marshal Porter said they could contact the different college communities such as Logan, Provo and at the University of Utah to see how they classify and tackle this issue and can put together some more information for further discussion for the Board. Additionally, Fire Marshal Porter also wanted to mention under new business the progress of the code approval. He stated that they had met with the Business and Labor Committee. Chairman Peterson opened a bill file to approve the 2015 Fire Code as recommended. They also did not take any action to place the Building Code in with the Fire Code. Thus at the next meeting they would be taking action on whether to forward the Fire Code as a bill to the Floor and with a unanimous vote from the committee it would not require a committee hearing once the legislature starts, it can go right to the Floor. They will closely watch the progress of the Building Code as well as many items in that code are word for word in the Fire Code. Another issue is Representative Brad Wilson, who will be shepherding all of the codes through the system, has some concerns about the residential code and some concerns with the energy code. He stated that they met with him with some representatives of the different chapters of the ICC in the state as well as a fire representative. He stated that he has no problems with the Fire Code but since these codes are so closely related they would be watching that progress closely. The State Fire Marshal’s Office will be working with the Fire Marshal’s Association as well as the bills and legislation move forward to monitor and address any concerns of the local jurisdictions. A bill was also opened by Representative Dunnigan to reduce the number on the Fire Prevention Board by two and that was approved in committee unanimous so that will go directly to the Floor for action when the session begins. Board Member Larson had a question regarding the progress of the land acquisition for the new UFRA site. Marshal Porter responded that the paperwork had been completed and submitted and presented to the State Building Board in October however the presentation should have been made at an information only meeting as no general funds were being requested. They are requesting a letter of intent from Andersen Development as to holding the land for UFRA and honoring the same cost per acreage as the amount UVU will pay. He stated he is now working with the real estate representative for the state and the next presentation to the State Building Board is scheduled for December. Then legislative action would be needed to approve the funding from the restricted account.

Item #13 on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting will be January 12, 2015, beginning 8:30 A.M., South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue (2430 South), South Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Poulsen, motion seconded by Board Member Phillips, motion carried and the meeting adjourned.